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OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALI STORAGE BATTERY,
AND ALKALI STORAGE BATTERY**

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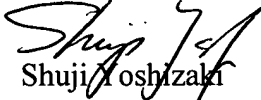
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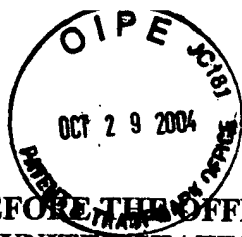
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